(b) whether Government had tried to call the meeting/meetings of both the Chief Ministers; and

(c) whether any suggestion received from either of the States is under the consideration of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The dispute is to be resolved primarily by the two State Governments themselves through discussions and mutual accommodation. The Government of India will be prepared to the two State Governments in this regard.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Release of Bonded Labour

2375. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported tragic death of as least five children belonging to Bandhua Mazdoor families, on 2nd June, 1992, in the Berkhera Jungles of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is Government's information about the death of these kids and the atrocities perpetrated on Bandhua Mazdoor famlies in question; and

(c) what steps have been taken and directions issued by Central Government to prevent atrocities on bonded labour and to free such labour from the clutches of contractors an dexploiters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that tne ovner of the Stone Crusher and 2 other persons were the patents of the deceased children had been working wetfe arrested and a. case has been registered against them under Sections 304, 374 IPC, Sections 16, 18 of Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976 and under Section 3 of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes (Previnaon of Atrocities) Act.

(c) The Ministry of Labour has, from time to time, been advising the State Governments to conduct periodic surveys, through the existing agencies for identification of Bonded Labour. To assist the State Governments in the task of identification and rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers that Ministry is implementing the scheme in which voluntary agencies are involved in the process. Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act the identification and release off Bonded Labonr and rehabilitatfoto ' of freed Bonded Labours is the direct responsibility of the State Government, concerned.

बांग्लादेशियों का प्रत्यावर्तन

2376. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने चकमा शरणार्थियों को बांग्लादेश वापस भेजने के लिये वहां की सरकार से बातचीत की है और इन शरणार्थियों को शीघ्र ही वापस भेजा जायेगा ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की इसी प्रकार से अन्य बांग्लादेशियों को भी वापस भेजने हेतु कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है जिनकी हमारे देश में संख्या निरंतर बढ़ती चली जा रही है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. एम. सईद) : (क) त्रिपुरा से चकमा शरणार्थियों की स्वदेश वापसी को अंतिम रूप देने के लिए हाल ही के महीनों में भारत एवं बंगलादेश की सरकारों ने कई बैठकें की हैं। स्वदेश वापसी 15 जनवरी, 1994 से शुरू हुई और अब तक 1854 शरणार्थी अपनी मातृभूमि को वापस लौट गए हैं । त्रिपुरा राज्य सरकार को सलाह दी गई है कि वे शरणार्थी-नेताओं के परामर्श से स्वदेश वापसी का आगे का कार्यक्रम बनाएं ।

(ख) से (घ) अन्य बंगलादेशी जो कि अवैध आप्रवासी हैं उनके साथ "विदेशी नागरिक अधिनियम" के उपबंधों के अनुसार निपटा जा रहा है।

Illegal collection by insurgents in Nagaland and Manipnr

2377. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ft isi a fact that the traders, industrialists and Government departments were forced jo pay loyalty tax to insurgents in Nagaland and Manipur; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent such illegal collections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Government is aware of the reports of extortions by the insurgents in Nagaland and Manipur.

(b) Among several steps taken, certain insurgent groups operating in Nagaland and Manipur have been "banned" and notified as "unlawful associations" under the unlawful activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, the affected areas declared as "disturbed areas" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, additional Security Forces inducted, a unified command and State/District level co-ordination committee^ set-up for sharing of information and effective coordination of counter-insurgency operations, financial assistance for modernisation of State Police Forces extended etc. The situation is kept under constant watch and reviewed from time to time.

ISI linked group's funding politicians

2378. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman dated the 29th January, 1994 captioned "ISI linked group funded 42 politicians"; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to ascertain the truth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Investigation conducted by the CBI so far has not revealed any link between ISI and the alleged payments to politicians.

उत्तर प्रदेश में दलितों पर अत्याचार

2379. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन क्या : गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश में दलित वर्गों और उनकी महिलाओं पर बढ़ते अत्याचारों पर अंकुश लगाने हेतु क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ।

(ख) क्या केन्द्र सरकार ने दलित वर्गों के व्यक्तियों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने हेतु उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार के साथ कोई वार्ता की है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में दलित वर्गों पर अत्याचार और विशेषकर इन वर्गों की महिलाओं के उत्पीड़न, बलात्कार और निर्वस्त्र कर अपमानित करने की घटनाओं की संख्या कितनी है ?